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Note: The Ward 2 office and water payment window will be closed on July 4th for the holiday.

PAUL'S NOTE

Last week, I wrote about a rate case in front of the Corporation Commission dealing with solar power. Even though my colleagues and I will make our opinions known on the issue, there are some concrete things that our city is doing to transition to clean, renewable power.

One will be right here in Ward 2. The city has entered into a solar services agreement with local firm Technicians for Sustainability to supply power to the Udall Community Center. The agreement will be a lease for a nominal fee enabling solar panels to be built over the parking lot.

What the city gets out of it is low cost power with the fringe benefit of shade for the parking lot.

The savings will be considerable. The center currently uses 1,250,000 kilowatts of power annually. The solar will provide 975,000 kilowatts of power, which replaces 78% of the current power. That's about \$10,000 per year of power costs.

The arrangement the city has made with Technicians for Sustainability is not new. You've seen solar panels at schools, churches and synagogues, many of which have been built under a similar agreement. At many

school locations, the panels were placed to provide shade in the playgrounds. At Udall, the plan is to put them exclusively in the parking lots.

Even so, the city is looking for input on where the panels will best be placed. The initial "kick off" meeting will be on July 8 at 10:30 am at Udall Park. I will keep you up to date on further meetings.

The panels will be commissioned next January.

CITY POOLS

With record heat upon us and little relief from the heat over the next several days, it's a good time to stay cool in a pool. The City of Tucson's Parks and Recreation department has 18 pools open for public use over the summer. Be sure to bring plenty of sunscreen with you. The summer pool schedule is in effect until Aug. 3. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for those 17 and younger. Summer and annual passes also are available. View a listing of the pools and operating hours at the link below. You also can cool off at the Catalina Park splash pad at 900 N. Fourth Ave. or the Marty Birdman Center/Balboa Heights Park splash pad, 2536 N. Castro Ave. Both splash pads have manual activation systems that allow residents to turn on the water features as desired, and they also have playgrounds. The splash pads are operational through the end of October, 8 a.m. until dusk.

For more information, visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/pools-and-splash-pads>

FOURTH OF JULY

The 20th Annual "A" Mountain Fireworks Celebration will start at approximately 9:15 p.m. on Monday. Sponsored by Desert Diamond Casinos and Entertainment, residents may enjoy the fireworks from the Tucson Convention Center's (TCC) Parking Lot B (off Cushing Street between Granada and Church Avenue) or Parking Lot C (off Granada between Broadway Boulevard and Cushing Street). Parking will be free. There also will be food vendors (burgers, hot dogs, ice cream and refreshments) available from 7-9 p.m. The Sun Link streetcar provides convenient access to the TCC at the Cushing Street stops and runs until midnight to accommodate holiday crowds.

All City of Tucson offices will be closed Monday for Independence Day, except for emergency services. Residential and commercial trash and recycling will not be collected on Monday, so all customers will have their collections delayed by one day next week. Meanwhile, Sun Tran buses will operate on a Sunday schedule on Monday.



EASTSIDE NEIGHBORS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Since 2004, Eastside Neighbors Volunteer Program (ENVP) has helped East Tucson Seniors remain in their homes and stay connected to the community. ENVP coordinates volunteers who provide private transportation, perform errands such as grocery runs, or make friendly phone calls just to proffer a cheerful voice and supportive ear. Services are already surging ahead of last year by 15%. Please consider devoting a few hours per month to the east Tucson senior community by becoming an ENVP volunteer.

If you can't donate time, you can still help. ENVP is a 501(c)(3) qualified organization that can take tax deductible financial contributions.

Check them out at www.tucsonenvp.com , or Email them at envp5scc@yahoo.com or call at 245-4729.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Many children will need immunizations before starting the 2016-2017 school year. As you plan the summer activities why not avoid the long lines when the kids are going back to school and include a stop to your medical provider or one of the public health clinics?

This is one of the 'to-do' items you can get checked off your list of back to school tasks. Be sure to bring your child's immunization records and insurance card to help speed up the process.

The Pima County Health Department clinics provide immunizations Monday through Friday. With an appointment, you won't have to wait, but walk-ins also are welcome and there is no charge for children!

In Ward 2, immunizations are available at 6920 E. Broadway Boulevard. For a complete list, visit pima.gov/health.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Red, White and Blue: The Carol West Senior Addition will host the Red, White, and Blue event on Wednesday, July 6 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will include food, drinks, and entertainment. The cost is \$5.00.

Movie: Movie and lunch at Park Place on Tuesday, July 26. Departure from the center is 9:30 a.m. and return is 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.25.

Forum Happy Hour: Happy Hour at the Forum of Tucson on Friday, July 22. Departure from center is 3:30 p.m. and return is 6:30 p.m. The event will include drinks, food, and entertainment.

Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?: A "Smarter than a 5th Grader Challenge" will be held on Wednesday, July 13 at 11:45 a.m. Test brain power against the eldest KIDCO participants. Subjects include Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, History, and English. Lunch included. The cost is \$3.00.

July Wellness Hour: For the month of July, seniors will have an opportunity to participate in additional day of wellness on Fridays from 9:05 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.

Please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121 for questions.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Summer Track and Field: Summer track and field will be offered every Tuesday through July 19 at Catalina High School (2645 E Pima). Registration is \$4 for adults and \$3 for youth 17 years and younger. On-site registration will be at 5:45 with events beginning at 6:30. Events will include the short distance runs and relays, including a 50 meter dash for participants five and under. Field events include long jump, javelin, shot put and high jump. Ribbons will go to track meet finishers.

Summer Swim: Pools open for Summer through August 4. Fall (year-round) swim schedule will be on August 4. For more City pool information call 791-4245 or 791-5352.

Closures: All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Udall Center will be closed for annual maintenance beginning August 8 through 13.

The Sabino Canyon Road extension project will begin construction of the western Udall Park entrance and signal next week off of Sabino Canyon Road. The work will require the entrance to be closed for 2-3 weeks.

Call 791-4877 for more information or questions.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Due to the July 4 holiday, the next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 6**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session.

There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

